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U.S. Patent Documents - No., Date, Name

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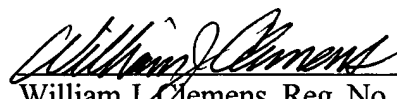
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None

The relevance of the European reference EP 0 672 781 is discussed in Applicants' specification at page 2. The remaining references were cited in a European Standard Search Report with respect to the European application from which priority is claimed. A copy of the report is enclosed. The relevance of the European reference EP 1 061 172 is discussed in Applicants' specification at pages 2 and 5.

A copy of each of the foreign references is enclosed herewith along with Form PTO-1449. It is requested that each of the references be fully considered and made of record in this case.

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